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Honorable Bill Goodling
House of Representatives
2263 Rayburn Office Building
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Dear Congressman Goodling:

This is in reply to your letter of April 15, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, John L. Sokol, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals, plus a discussion paper released March 1, 1993.

We are sensitive to the need of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

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JOHN L. SOKOL, JR., P.E.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 7, 1993

The Honorable William F. Goodling
United States House of Representatives
2263 Rayburn House Office Building
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Goodling:

In order to establish more efficient use of the radio spectrum, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is proposing extensive reassignment of radio frequencies, known as PR Docket Number 92-235. The proposed completion of this reassignment is the year 2004. The implementation of this docket will most likely require the replacement of all mobile, portable, base and repeater radios currently in operation in Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission vehicles and facilities. This equipment provides your constituents with vital public safety services.

While the need for more efficient use of the radio spectrum is wholeheartedly recognized, your assistance in emphasizing several important issues is requested. Although an implementation date has been established, the technology is not yet available. Public safety entities will be forced to bear the significant cost and effort of implementation while others benefit. A thoughtful cost-controlled migration policy must be established.

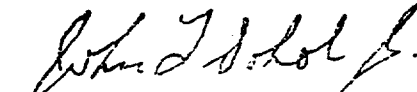
Also, radio call boxes, which we operate along every mile of the PA Turnpike, are neither addressed nor protected under the FCC plan. Serious interference problems from commercial paging services are not being rectified. Averaging approximately 1200 calls each month, this system provides our patrons with immediate access to emergency services, which could make the difference in a life or death situation.

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Because of the far-reaching effects on the safety of our patrons, who are also your constituents, your assistance with these issues is critical. This is especially true because Congress has stated that the protection of the safety of life and property be given priority in frequency allocation matters, as mandated by the Federal Communications Authorization Act of 1983, House Rep. No. 98-356, 98th Cong., 1st Sess. 28 (1983).

Enclosed are comments submitted by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission in response to PR Docket 92-235. Your assistance in reinforcing the above concerns to the Federal Communications Commission would be greatly appreciated. These comments should be addressed to: Mr. Ralph Haller, Chief, Private Radio Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20554. The deadline for comments is April 28, 1993. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

Enclosure